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FOUR ARE IN RACE FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER

Tweedale, Moore, Merriam, and Johnston Well Supported.

CORCORAN THOM DECLINED TO RUN

President Taft Is Expected to Make Definite Selection Before Holidays.

Although final decision has not yet been reached, it is safe to say that, as matters stand today, the two new District Commissioners to be appointed by the President will be chosen from among the following:

Alonzo Tweedale, now auditor of the District.
Clarence Moore.
W. H. Merriam, former governor of Minnesota.
Gen. John A. Johnston, U. S. A., retired.

Corcoran Thom, a local attorney and one of the trust officers of the American Security and Trust Company, was at one time under consideration by the President as admirably fitted to fill one of the posts made vacant by the resignations of Commissioners West and Macfarland. Inquiry on the part of some of the President's friends, however, brought out the information that Mr. Thom would not accept a Commissionership if it were offered to him.

Makes Inquiries.
Mr. Taft has not yet resolved the various citizens' delegations who want to tell him of the merits of their respective candidates, but he has had men close to him making inquiries here and there regarding the fitness of some of the persons who have been mentioned for the place.

It is regarded as practically certain that Mr. Tweedale will get one of the Commissionerships. In addition to the excellent endorsement he has, his record is highly in his favor. He has spent his whole working life in the District, and, after rising to the place of auditor from a clerkship, has instituted financial reforms which have been of great benefit to the District.

The three men who, in addition to Tweedale, now stand out most prominently for the post are General Johnston, Clarence Moore, and Mr. Merriam. With these three, the names of Cuno H. Rudolph and James F. Oyster are mentioned with the prospect that either one of them may be selected.

The President has for some time wanted to have Mr. Merriam working for Washington, and the friends of the former Minnesota executive claim that now is the time to fulfill that wish.

Before Holidays.
It is Mr. Taft's desire to make both appointments in time for the Senate to confirm them before the adjournment for the Christmas holidays. For this reason, it is expected the announcements of his selections will come from the White House by the middle of next week at the latest. He has already discussed the appointments with some of the members of his Cabinet.

PAYS FOR DARING ESCAPE.
TRENTON, Dec. 11.—Thomas Chapple, who made a sensational escape recently from the Mercer county workhouse by crawling for more than a mile through a sewer pipe, was sentenced to three months to serve eighteen months in the same institution for his escape. He had only a short time to serve when he ran away.

WEATHER REPORT.

It is considerably warmer in the central valleys and the greater portion of the Lake region, and colder in the extreme Northwest and extreme Southwest. The western disturbance will move eastward, attended by general rains and snows tonight in the Mississippi, and the Ohio valleys, and east Gulf States, and tonight or Sunday in the extreme South Atlantic States. There will also be snow tonight and Sunday in the Lake region.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight; rain or snow in early morning; Sunday rain or snow and warmer; moderate winds, becoming easterly.

TEMPERATURES.	
8 a. m.	23
10 a. m.	26
11 a. m.	28
Noon	31
1 p. m.	33
2 p. m.	35

SUN TABLE.	
Sun rises	7:39
Sun sets	4:29

TIDE TABLE.	
Today—High tide, 7:30 a. m. and 7:06 p. m.; low tide, 1:14 a. m. and 1:12 p. m.	
Tomorrow—High tide, 7:45 a. m. and 7:18 p. m.; low tide, 1:35 a. m. and 1:51 p. m.	

CONDITION OF WATER.	
HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 11.—Both rivers clear.	

RIGID INSPECTION OF CUSTOMS PORTS

Thorough Search to Be Made for Frauds at All Points.

WILL REORGANIZE SPECIAL AGENTS

Curtis Assumes His New Duties, Though Not Yet Confirmed.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh has completed the reorganization of the force of special agents of the Treasury Department, who have in charge the investigation of the customs matters. More than that, the general investigation of the customs service and the administration of customs matters at ports other than New York has been begun.

Before the Secretary of the Treasury completes his work, every customs port in the United States will have been raked over as with a fine-toothed comb. The whole service is to be rigidly inspected, and, where necessary, reorganized. If at any of these ports there have been frauds akin to those alleged to have been perpetrated at the port of New York, or of any nature, they doubtless will be uncovered.

Investigations Made Secretly.
Thus far the Treasury officials refuse to say what ports are under investigation. They are keeping this under cover for obvious reasons, but it is understood the first work is being done on certain of the great Atlantic ports. One matter which will be given careful scrutiny is the question whether there have been any sugar frauds, and whether the sugar trust had its clutches on Treasury employees in ports other than New York.

The force of special agents has been put on what Secretary MacVeagh believes to be a much improved basis. A number of changes have been made and there have been some dismissals. The extent of the changes is being kept quiet. One most important change of policy has been settled on and that is that special agents hereafter will not be allowed to settle down and go to sleep in any one port. They will be compelled to change their quarters and assignments as they are believed much more efficient work will be done.

Curtis Assumes New Duties.
The man who will have direct charge of the investigation is James F. Curtis, of Boston, the new Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Curtis took charge of his office at the Treasury Department today. He did this, despite the action of the Senate Finance Committee in holding up his confirmation. Mr. Curtis is expected to go about the house-cleaning and shaking up in the customs service with great energy. He has the reputation of being a hard hitter, despising the tariff, and only thirty-three years old, and some of the Senate leaders are putting out the idea that he may not be qualified.

What will come of the holding up of the Curtis nomination is something on which the differ. In some quarters it is even believed he may be rejected, such is the feeling of the Senate leaders over the Boston speech of Mr. MacVeagh and Secretary MacVeagh in that a man may be put in charge of the customs administration with low tariff leanings.

Object to MacVeagh's Position.
Some of the Senators are saying Mr. Curtis is too young and that he has no experience. They object to the disposition of Mr. MacVeagh, to make appointments on his motion, and with little deference to the politicians. They are uncertain where Mr. Curtis stands in the tariff, and four he may have the same tariff revision ideas as the head of the Treasury Department. They are also saying the President does not stand back of Secretary MacVeagh in his Boston utterances, and that the President was not consulted about them. MacVeagh is, however, the results of work are satisfactory, Congress will, undoubtedly, be asked to legislate for a one-man rule of the District.

ABANDONED IN JAIL, JUDGE BISHOP DIES

One-Time Prominent Baltimore Jurist Is Deserted by Friends.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 11.—Deserted by his friends when he needed them, George W. Bishop, former judge of the orphans' court, unable to secure bail, died yesterday in the Baltimore city jail.

Bishop was once time one of the big men in the affairs of the city, having come within one vote of getting the nomination for mayor. Later he was talked of as his party's candidate for Governor.

Last June he was arrested charged with misappropriating funds of Mrs. O'Connell. He was held in jail, he denied his guilt and sought his longtime friends to help him out of his trouble, but they could not hear the call.

TAFT'S SON, ROBERT, AS GUEST OF MORSE

Reported That He Will Visit the Banker's Home During Christmas Holidays.

BATH, Maine, Dec. 11.—It is reported here today that Robert Taft, son of the President, was in Bath during the Christmas holidays as the guest of his friend and college mate at Yale, Edwin Morse, son of Charles W. Morse, the banker who is under a fifteen-year sentence to a Federal prison.

IRISHMEN DIVIDED AS TO GOOD FAITH OF PREMIER ASQUITH

Leaders in Washington Doubt Sincerity of Promises of Home Rule.

LACK ENTHUSIASM OF T. P. O'CONNOR

Record of Liberal Party Taken by Many As Not Inspiring of Confidence in Pledges.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

Irish men in Washington are divided in opinion concerning the great speech of Premier Asquith last night, in which he promised home rule for Ireland in case the Liberal party is returned to power in the forthcoming general election.

An influential section of Irish-Americans protest that repeated disappointments have justified doubts of the sincerity of liberal promises.

Record Not Inspiring.
Premier Asquith's own record in this matter is not such as to commend the entire confidence of Irishmen, who fear that he may even now be talking in generalities, and that when it comes to the scratch, after he has secured the co-operation of the Irish parliamentary party in getting back to power, he will fall to come forward with a proper home rule measure and push it.

In this regard the local Irishmen are rather at odds with "Tay Pay" O'Connor, Irish parliamentary leader, who is in this country, and was quoted as saying:

Statement Important.
"The statement is especially important as coming from Mr. Asquith. Though he has always remained faithful in principle to home rule he has been supposed cool on the subject, dreading its difficulties, and he was one of the liberals who at the last election was so anxious to confine the issue to free trade that he pledged himself not to propose home rule in the full sense of the words in the present parliament. That was one of the reasons why Mr. Henry Campbell-Bannerman brought in so poor a measure of home rule as the concisus bill."

"This utterance proves that Mr. Asquith has done with these hesitations; that he accepts now the Irish program of complete home rule, and when Mr. Asquith speaks thus it means that he commits the whole Liberal party and every Liberal candidate who is his loyal supporter to full home rule."

Begin by Lords.
"I regard this utterance then as putting the last coping stone to the splendid prospects of Ireland, which began with the rejection of the budget by the house of lords."

"The report is brief, but if it represents accurately what Mr. Asquith said regard the statement as momentous and as one of the most hopeful things for the Irish cause that has been said for years."

"It means that the Liberal party will make home rule—and home rule not in the limited sense of the concisus bill, but of real home rule on Gladstone lines—one of the chief issues of the coming general election."

Doubts Sincerity.
The other side was presented by Joseph D. Sullivan, one of the best-known Irishmen in Washington. "I incline to doubts of Mr. Asquith's sincerity," he said. "He is a shrewd politician, and expects the support of the Irish parliamentary party; but I am impressed that he is making rather indefinite statements."

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Saloon Smasher and Her Understudy



MYRA McHENRY. CARRIE NATION.

AEROPLANE DROPS, INJURING AVIATOR

Captain Englehardt, Pupil of Wright Brothers, Badly Hurt Near Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—Captain Englehardt, a pupil of the Wright brothers in aviation, flying in a Wright machine, was seriously injured at Johannistal today when his aeroplane fell to the ground.

The machine was completely wrecked and the captain, who was caught under the wreckage, was rushed to the hospital in a serious condition.

The accident was caused by the motor stopping while in mid-air. It is not yet known if there was a defect in the machine or if the valve became clogged, but when the propellers stopped revolving the machine hung motionless for a moment, then turned turtle and fell. It came down so rapidly that Englehardt had no chance to fall from his seat and he was still grasping the levers when the aeroplane hit the ground. It was so badly damaged that it cannot be repaired.

After an examination at the hospital the doctors said that they believed that the aeroplane will recover.

PRAIRIE IS AFLOAT; GOES TO DRYDOCK

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—The auxiliary cruiser Prairie, which ran aground in the Delaware river while transporting marines for Nicaragua, was floated today. Hydraulic dredges had cut a canal through the mud which enabled tugs to pull her into drydock.

SEX ANTAGONISM MAY FOLLOW ISSUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, who is stump speaking in Greater New York, on behalf of the cause of women's suffrage, says that cause may arouse a serious sex antagonism.

"This injustice will create another war," she declared. "It will not be an international conflict, but a civil one. There will be no bloodshed or death, but there will be hatred between the sexes."

VIRGINIA WARDLAW MUST FACE CHARGE

Bound Over to Be Tried for Murder of Mrs. Snead.

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 11.—Miss Virginia Wardlaw, following a formal hearing in the recorder's court here today, was held to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of murder, it being alleged that she was responsible for the death of her niece, Mrs. Oney W. M. Snead, whose body was found in a bath tub in a house here, some days ago.

She was remanded to the Essex county jail without bail.

Dr. Herbert M. Simmons, who was called to attend Miss Wardlaw, was the chief witness. He told of finding the body in the bath tub and identified the note found on the clothing which stated that she was tired of life and was going to kill herself.

He said that the woman had been dead twenty-four hours when he was called to see her. When he found the body in the bath tub and identified the note found on the clothing which stated that she was tired of life and was going to kill herself.

Prosecutor Mott declared that if the recorder failed to hold Miss Wardlaw, he would rearrest her and detain her until the grand jury passes upon the case.

Undertaker Kunz testified that from the time he took the body to his morgue until it was buried, none of the woman's relatives came to view it. Attorney Ford objected to this evidence, but the grand jury insisted it showed the suspicious circumstances surrounding the death.

County Physician McKenzie confirmed Dr. Simmons' statement that the autopsy showed drowning to be the cause of death. All of the organs were healthy, although he has not completed the chemical examination of the fluid found in the stomach.

Several police officers testified to the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Miss Wardlaw.

CARRIE OUTWITTED BY DROMIO MYRA

Partner in Smashing Business Creeps Into Same Picture With Star Performer.

We love to hear the tinkle of the bottle in the bar room. An' we like to hear the welcome of the turkey at the door. Some like to hear grand opera; but that's a silly fall. If you want to hear real music just go to smashin' barrooms. An' you would smash a piano in many falls—serve an' serve. An' you'll go down in our history as a woman of great fame. An' you'll serve your jail in many falls—serve an' serve. An' when you've served a couple of years, smash an' serve some more. —Carrie and Myra Upon Meeting at the Workhouse.

For Carrie Nation, and Myra McHenry, her Dromio is the theatrical performer of smashing barrooms and halting the country on the evils of intemperance—to say nothing of getting their names and pictures in the newspapers—did meet each other at the workhouse this morning. Myra, you must understand, came all the way from her home in Kansas to see her friend Carrie. And oh, these two Pottsville destroyers and joy extinguishers were so friendly! So much so, indeed, that Carrie positively refused to have her picture taken with Myra. No, indeed, not a bit of it. Carrie doesn't go in for that sort of business, you know. If there's any picture taking to be going on in her neighborhood, she's going to be the star and main performer, and she doesn't need any company. Not by a jugful or rather, by a Lillith water bottle full.

Carrie Is Glad.
Of course Carrie was glad to see her old friend Myra—who it may be remarked has served thirty-three terms in jail in the State of Kansas for smashing saloons—but her hospitality didn't at all extend to the point where she was willing to have a group picture taken. But right there Carrie didn't reckon upon the supreme diplomacy with which her friend Myra is gifted. For the entire Myra investigated Carrie in arranging Myra's hair for a fraction of a second, and while Myra was giving a sly wink the photographer snapped them. Thus, the unsuspecting Carrie invited into the parlor by the spier Myra and outwitted.

However, there was one great American barroom smashing artist, didn't greet each other at all effusively at the workhouse when they met this morning. On the contrary, when Myra and The Times photographer arrived to make her a visit, she ever-active Carrie, who entertains a wholesome respect for the personal pronoun I, whispered, sotto voce:

Makes Pretty Picture.
"Don't put her in the picture; let me go it alone."
Then with a Bible in one hand, and a hatchet in the other, Carrie posed with a dinky little white bonnet on her head until two snapshots had been taken. As the camera sprung she remarked:

"I don't want to see humanity suffering as it does."
However, there was no photographic attachment, so that speech was lost upon the impression. Then as she slowly re-adjusted herself, after the fashion of a ship at sea making a laborious circuit, she posed again without the hatchet, and with only the Bible held aloft, observing dramatically as she held her book aloft:

"This is my hatchet!" Carrie's lips were pursed and she looked vengeance (or picture purposes) for a moment, and then relaxed into a smile once more. Then with tones that bespoke of sarcasm she turned to her friend Myra and remarked:

Myra Is Shrewd.
"Now it's your turn, my dear." And Carrie started to retreat. But Myra was too shrewd for her. She saw her opportunity and grasped it. "Just a moment, Mrs. Nation," she returned sweetly in a voice and manner that exuded lechery; "just a moment, dear; won't you fix my hair, just so." Alas, for Carrie. She walked into the net and was done.

"Ah, my dear," began Myra, "this reminds me of the old days out in Kansas when we were serving around in the jails."
But Carrie gave her no encouragement.

ZELAYA MARCHING ON TO BLUEFIELDS WITH LARGE FORCE

Gives Up Idea of Capture of Rama From Revolutionists.

ARMISTICE FOOLS GENERAL ESTRADA

Request of President Gave Impression That Troops Were in Desperate Straits.

PORT LIMON, via wireless to Colon, Dec. 11.—President Zelaya, commander of the government troops in the war now being waged with the Nicaraguan revolutionists, has abandoned his previous line of campaign, which was the capture of the revolutionists' position at Rama. He is now conducting a flank movement against Bluefields, the headquarters of the provisional government, according to dispatches received here today.

Shown Off Guard.
General Estrada, provisional president, who has been in command at Rama, is said to have been thrown off his guard by incorrect reports as to Zelaya's strength.

Zelaya, by seeking an armistice with Estrada's representatives, gave the latter the impression that the government troops were on the point of surrender, and at the same time covered up his movement against Bluefields.

It is now believed that less than 500 government troops are before Rama, and that the remainder of Zelaya's army, estimated at from 1,000 to 2,000 in numbers, is detouring against Bluefields.

Estrada Blamed.
Sympathizers with the Nicaraguan revolutionists are bitterly assailing General Estrada for failing to take offensive measures against Zelaya and for assuming, as it is charged, that because his position at Rama was secure, the revolutionary strongholds elsewhere were in no danger.

The Zelaya, it is known, thought that Bluefields was safe from a land advance by Zelaya owing to the condition of the roads, and he figured that Zelaya had no vessels at his command for an approach by river.

Here is where Zelaya outgeneraled his opponent, the movement against Bluefields, today's dispatches say, is being made over the roads that Estrada pronounced impassable.

Zelaya's attempt to capture Bluefields is considered here of doubtful military expediency, as it is likely to hasten the intervention of the United States, which has several war vessels either at or in close proximity to Bluefields.

City Terror-Stricken.
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 11.—A dispatch from Bluefields received here today says the Zelayan army, which has been in the vicinity of Rama, is marching on Bluefields. The city is terror-stricken, and the only hope of the Estrada sympathizers there, according to the dispatch, is that the American warships will land a force of marines. The Zelayan army is reported strong.

The Zelayan force is said to number 4,000. It is expected to be within five miles of Bluefields by nightfall and a night attack is anticipated.

Hundreds of women and children, among them many Americans, are being rushed on board the ships in the harbor here in an effort to get them away before the fighting begins.

The report is that the American warship came from runners who have streamed into the city ahead of the advance guard. Zelaya has completely outwitted Provisional President Estrada and has been advancing his forces quietly, while Estrada was waiting to take advantage of his apparent victory over General Vasquez.

Zelaya, warned by Consul General Alton S. Bland, that Estrada's forces, apparently well armed and outfitted, were in reality helpless by the ammunition shortage in the Nicaragua situation, did not fit the magazine of the guns, is reported to have worked out as a strategic plan to take advantage of the helpless revolutionary army.

COMING OF CREEL TO ADD NEW PLAN
Another enigmatical phase of the Nicaraguan situation is foreshadowed in the coming of Enrique Creel, former ambassador of Mexico to the United States, who will arrive in Washington tomorrow to lay before the State Department certain proposals on the part of his government looking toward the restoration of order in Central America.

The dispatches received at the State Department today indicate that there is no material change in the Nicaragua situation. Consul Moffatt reports that Bluefields is quiet, and it is believed that the revolutionists will win in Rama.

There seems to be doubt at the present moment whether Zelaya will risk his position in a conflict with Estrada. It is regarded as much more likely that he will refrain from an opening engagement, preferring to maneuver with the hope of seating one of his lieutenants in the president's chair.

The government of Panama has decided to send a diplomatic representative to Washington to settle the boundary dispute with Costa Rica, according to dispatches received at the State Department today. The Costa Rican representative, Dr. Anderson, is now in Washington before the dispute will probably be placed in the hands of Chief Justice Fuller.

YOUNG WOMAN MISSING.
SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 11.—Miss Ida Frobot, a pretty young resident of Neumedia, disappeared from home recently and the police have been notified to look in the search, the girl's parents in the meantime, having looked in many places for her. It is feared she was lost in the mountains and perished.

THE STRANGE "INSURANCE" THAT COST YOUNG MRS. OCEY SNEAD HER LIFE

THE police of fashionable East Orange, N. J., on Monday, November 29, found the nude body of a young woman in a bath tub. She had been dead twenty-four hours. From that day to this the newspapers have teemed with speculation about the four strange old women, representing the aristocratic Southern family of the Wardlaws, who had kept the victim practically a prisoner for years.

It is now known that insurance of \$32,000 was carried by the 1 upon the life of their charge. Stories of hypnotism and other abnormal control have been published everywhere. And all this time one of the four old women—Miss Virginia Ocey Wardlaw—is held in jail at Newark, N. J., while the police search vainly for another, the mother of the girl now dead.

Nowhere has all that is known of these four grim figures been published. Nowhere has the circumstance that started them on their course of insurance reaping been detailed. Nowhere has the life led by the young victim been set forth.

These are features of a review of the now famous Snead murder case, which will be published in tomorrow's Sunday Evening Edition of The Washington Times. Written by ALLEN D. ALBERT, Jr.

Much that is in this account is new to readers of the papers. All of it, when set forth by Mr. Albert as the novelist might unfold a plot, has an interest which every reading of the news will sharpen.

At its close the reader wonders why writers of fiction must travel so far from ordinary humanity to find incidents and characters. No imagined story of recent years presents a sequence of events so remarkable as this true account of the Wardlaws from their aristocratic Southern boarding school for young ladies to the jail at Newark and flight from the law.